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The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on December 13, 2010 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on October 12, 2010. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner. The application remains allowed, as the information disclosure statement and associated non-patent literature documents did not reveal any prior art references, alone or in combination with other references, that disclose or suggest all of the limitations of independent claims 8 and 21.

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